

Second Scripture Reading

Genesis 1:1-12

¹In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.² Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.³ And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light.⁴ God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness.⁵ God called the light "day," and the darkness he called "night." And there was evening, and there was morning—the first day.⁶ And God said, "Let there be a vault between the waters to separate water from water."⁷ So God made the vault and separated the water under the vault from the water above it. And it was so.⁸ God called the vault "sky." And there was evening, and there was morning—the second day.⁹ And God said, "Let the water under the sky be gathered to one place, and let dry ground appear." And it was so.¹⁰ God called the dry ground "land," and the gathered waters he called "seas." And God saw that it was good.¹¹ Then God said, "Let the land produce vegetation: seed-bearing plants and trees on the land that bear fruit with seed in it, according to their various kinds." And it was so.¹² The land produced vegetation: plants bearing seed according to their kinds and trees bearing fruit with seed in it according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good.

Sermon

In the Beginning

The Rev. Peter Larson

*The Apostles' Creed

The Rev. Stephanie Poblenz

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,
 suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried;
 the third day he rose from the dead;
 he ascended into heaven and sitteth at the right hand of God
 the Father Almighty;
 from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
 the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Sacrament of Holy Communion

WE GO OUT INTO THE WORLD

*Closing Hymn

How Great Thou Art!

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
 consider all the *worlds thy hand have made,
I see the stars, I hear the *rolling thunder,
 thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Hymn 21

Refrain

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:
 how great thou art, how great thou art!
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When through the woods and forest glades I wander
 and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,
 and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze. (Refrain)

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
 sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
 that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
 he bled and died to take away my sin. (Refrain)

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
 and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble admiration,
 and there proclaim, "My God, how great thou art."
(Refrain)

Benediction

The Rev. Peter Larson

Postlude

Postlude on Italian Hymn by Edward Broughton

Kyle Mazur

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THE STORY OF CREATION

GENESIS 1:1-12 | JOHN 1:1-13

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8:30 a.m. and 10 a.m. Worship Service

WE GATHER

Welcome and Announcements

The Rev. Peter Larson

Prelude

Let the Whole Creation Cry

*Call to Worship (Isaiah 42:5-8)

Zach Martinson 8:30

The Rev. Peter Larson 10:00

Leader: This is what God the Lord says – he who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and all that comes out of it;

People: Who gives breath to its people, and life to those who walk on it.

Leader: I, the Lord, have called you in righteousness; I will take hold of your hand.

People: I will keep you and will make you to be a covenant for the people and a light for the Gentiles.

Leader: To open eyes that are blind, to free captives from prison, and to release from the dungeon those who sit in darkness.

All: I am the Lord; that is my name! I will not give my glory to another or my praise to idols.

*Opening Hymn

All Creatures of Our God and King

All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voice and with us sing:
Alleluia, Alleluia!

Thou burning sun with golden beam,
thou silver moon with softer gleam,
O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong,
ye clouds that sail in heaven along,
O praise him, Alleluia!

Thou rising morn in praise rejoice,
ye lights of evening, find a voice:
O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Thou flowing water, pure and clear,
make music for thy Lord to hear,
Alleluia, Alleluia!
Thou fire so masterful and bright
that givest us both warmth and light,
O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

All ye who are of tender heart,
forgiving others, take your part,
sing his praises, Alleluia!

Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,
praise God and on him cast your care,
O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless,
and worship him in humbleness,
O praise him, Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son
and praise the Spirit, Three in One,
O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

WE PRAY

Prayer of Confession

The Rev. Stephanie Poblenz

Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations. Before the mountains were born, or you brought forth the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting, you are God. By your power, you created light and darkness, stars and galaxies, seas and dry land. By your almighty hand, you made mountains, rivers and forests. By your breath, you gave life to all living things. You are Creator of all things seen and unseen – molecules, atoms, electrons and quarks. Time itself, is your creation, each moment a gift, given by You. Forgive us, Lord, for not worshipping you as our Creator. Forgive us, for our blindness and ingratitude. Forgive us, for foolishly believing that this universe was created by accident. By your Spirit, open our eyes that we might behold your glory, reflected in creation. We pray in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, AMEN.

Assurance of Pardon

* Response *I Will Sing of My Redeemer*

I will sing of my Redeemer and his wondrous love to me;
On the cruel cross he suffered from the curse to set me free.
Sing, O sing of my Redeemer, with his blood he purchased me;
On the cross he sealed my pardon,
paid the debt and made me free.

WE GIVE BACK TO GOD

Prayer of Dedication

Cindy Jaynes 8:30

Jan Watsell 10:00

Offertory

This Is My Father's World

Men's Ensemble

WE HEAR THE WORD

First Scripture Reading

John 1:1-13

Adam Waits 8:30

Brad Heath 10:00

¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was with God in the beginning. ³ Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. ⁴ In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. ⁶ There was a man sent from God whose name was John. ⁷ He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. ⁸ He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light. ⁹ The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. ¹⁰ He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. ¹¹ He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. ¹² Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God— ¹³ children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Children are Dismissed

8:30 service only

Preschool - 2nd grade dismissed to Children's Church-Room 301 and will return to the Sanctuary during the last hymn.

*Hymn

Let All Things Now Living

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving

To God the creator triumphantly raise.

Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,

Who guides us and leads to the end of our days.

His banners are o'er us, His light goes before us,

A pillar of fire shining forth in the night.

'Till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished
As forward we travel from light into light.

His law he enforces, the stars in their courses

And sun in its orbit obediently shine;

The hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,

The deeps of the ocean proclaim him divine.

We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing;

With glad adoration a song let us raise

'Till all things now living unite in thanksgiving:

"To God in the highest, Hosanna and praise!"

Hymn 53